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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Ex Parte; PR Docket No. 92-235


Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to provide notice that the undersigned of Hogan & Hartson has filed the attached letter in the private radio "refarming" proceeding, PR Docket No. 92-235. Copies of the letter are being sent to FCC Chairman William E. Kennard and FCC Commissioners Susan Ness, Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Michael K. Powell, and Gloria Tristani and their wireless advisors, as well as the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff listed below.

The attached letter, from Dr. Ricardo Martinez at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA"), expresses NHTSA's support for AAA's traffic safety efforts and highlights AAA's public safety-related work at the national and local levels. In particular, NHTSA notes that "AAA's commitment to traffic safety carries over into its provision of emergency road service. AAA clubs work closely with many local public safety officials to quickly and efficiently clear streets and highways of crashed vehicles and debris, so that other drivers can move through the crash scene safely. AAA has used its dispatch systems and emergency road service operators to assist local safety officials during natural disasters by clearing debris from roadways, ferrying doctors and nurses to hospitals, and rescuing stranded motorists in blizzards and floods."

An original and one copy of this filing are being provided. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,


Michele C. Farquhar

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June 17, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to clarify what may be a lack of understanding of the American Automobile Association's (AAA) work in the public safety area. It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission has pending a petition for reconsideration filed by AAA requesting "quasi-public safety" status for the frequencies it uses to dispatch emergency road service.

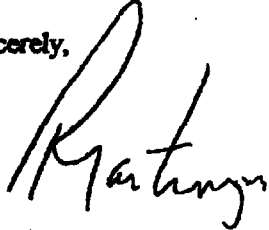
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has worked closely with AAA for many years to improve highway and traffic safety. AAA has been a valued partner of NHTSA in such efforts as providing information to the public about the installation of airbag on/off switches; educating the public - especially parents and children - about seating young people in the back seats of vehicles; campaigning for seat belt laws and child safety restraints; programs to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety; and educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving. AAA clubs throughout the nation work closely with public safety officials such as police and state patrols on community safety programs.

Recently, AAA launched a nationwide campaign *Licensed to Learn: A Safety Program for New Drivers*, which focuses attention on the high rate of crashes and fatalities among novice, teenage drivers. NHTSA was pleased to join AAA in launching this campaign, and NHTSA is committed to working with AAA to enact graduated driver licensing laws in all 50 states by the year 2000. As part of that campaign, AAA also released a program called *Teaching Your Teens To Drive: A Partnership for Survival* which provides guidance to parents increasing the time their teenagers spend behind the wheel.

AAA's commitment to traffic safety carries over into its provision of emergency road service. AAA clubs work closely with many local public safety officials to quickly and efficiently clear streets and highways of crashed vehicles and debris, so that other drivers can move through the crash scene safely. AAA has used its dispatch systems and emergency road service operators to assist local safety officials during natural disasters by clearing debris from roadways, ferrying doctors and nurses to hospitals, and rescuing stranded motorists in blizzards and floods.

In short, NHTSA can confirm that AAA is an organization dedicated to improving and facilitating safety on the nation's roadways. It has been our pleasure to work with AAA on many safety programs, and we continue to look for other such opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ricardo" being more prominent than the last name "Martinez".

Ricardo Martinez, M.D.